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About the Iraq Study Group

Mission

The Iraq Study Group will make a forward-looking, independent assessment of the current and prospective situation on the ground in Iraq and how that affects the surrounding region as well as U.S. interests. The study group will examine four broad topics: the strategic environment in and around Iraq; the security of Iraq and key challenges to enhancing security within the country; political developments within Iraq following the elections and formation of the new government; and the economy and reconstruction.

The effort is being undertaken at the urging of several members of Congress and the White House welcomes it. A final report will be released to the Congress, the White House, and the public at the conclusion of this effort.

Members and Participating Organizations

The Iraq Study Group is a bipartisan group of prominent Americans supported by four premier institutions. It is led by co-chairs James A. Baker, III, the nation's 61st Secretary of State and Honorary Chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, and Lee H. Hamilton, former Congressman and Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The other members of the study group include: Robert M. Gates, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and current President of Texas A&M University; Rudolph W. Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City and current partner at Bracewell & Giuliani as well as Chairman and CEO of Giuliani Partners; Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., former advisor to President Clinton and current Senior Managing Partner at Lazard Frères & Co. LLC; Leon E. Panetta, former White House Chief of Staff and current founder and co-director of the Panetta Institute; William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense and current Professor at Stanford University; Charles S. Robb, former Governor of Virginia and U.S. Senator, current professor at George Mason University Law School; and Alan K. Simpson, former U.S. Senator.

The United States Institute of Peace is organizing the group with the support of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Center for the Study of the Presidency, and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

The members of the study group will consult with members of Congress and others, including four working groups of experts and a group of retired military officers. The four working groups will be comprised of experts from private industry and leading policy and academic institutions.

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The bipartisan Iraq Study Group, led by co-chairs James A. Baker, III, former Secretary of State and Honorary Chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, and Lee H. Hamilton, former Congressman and Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, will conduct a forward-looking, independent assessment of the current and prospective situation on the ground in Iraq, its impact on the surrounding region, and consequences for U.S. interests. The United States Institute of Peace (www.usip.org) is organizing the group with the support of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (www.csis.org), the Center for the Study of the Presidency (www.thepresidency.org), and the Baker Institute (www.bakerinstitute.org).

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